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EO 11652: NA TAGS SUBJ:YACHT OF AMCIT AGROUND IN GULF OF SUEZ

1. EMBASSY ADVISED THIS DATE BY MRS DELORES WALL, AMCIT THAT HER YACHT HAS BEEN AGROUND ON A REEF IN THE GULF OF SUEZ, 60 KM SOUTH OF SUEZ, SINCE MARCH 17. HAS REQUESTED AMEMBASSY TO MAKE CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE IN AREA OF ACCIDENT, LOCATED 29 DEGREES 10 NORTH, 32 DEGREES 35 EAST. NAME OF YACHT: MARY PAZ, OF NEW ZEALAND REGISTRY; IS 60 FEET IN LENGTH, DISPLACES 40 TONS AND HAS A DRAUGHT OF 6 FEET 6 INCHES.

2. US NAVAL ATTACHE CONTACTED EGYPTIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO ASK FOR ASSISTANCE FROM EGYPTIAN NAVY BUT WAS ADVISED THE EGYPTIAN NAVY DID NOTHAVE ANY SUITABLE ASSETS IN THE AREA AND WAS ADVISED THAT THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY SHOULD BE ASKED. CANAL AUTHORITY CONTACTED, GAVE ASSURANCE THEYWOULD CONTACT MRS WALL IN SUEZ AND DO THEIR BEST TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE. ALSO, MRS WALL WILL BE OBLIGED TO SIGN A CONTRACT GUARANTEEING THAT THE EXPENSES INCURRED BY SCA WILL BE COVERED. THE NAVAL ATTACHE WAS ALSO ADVISED BY THE SCA REP THAT THE EGYPTIAN NAVY HAD TWO MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS ATTEMPT AN APPROACH TO THE YACHT BUT COULD NOT APPROACH CLOSELY BECAUSE OF NAVIGATIONAL HAZARDS. NAVAL ATTACHE UNCLASSIFIED

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SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED VIA TELEPHONE BY MRS WALL FROM SUEZ THAT SHE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SCA REP AND AS EXPECTED INSISTED SHE SIGN A CONTRACT BEFORE THE SCA TUG IS DISPLACED TO ASSIST. IN INTERIM, MRS WALL HAS LEARNED THAT A QUOTE MOTHER VESSEL UNQUOTE OF UNDETERMINEDNATIONALITY ISPROCEEDING TO THE SCENE TO ASSIST AN INJURED CREWMAN ABOARD THE FISHING VESSEL WHICH HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO ASSIST THE YACHT MARY PAZ.

MRS WALL STATED HER INTENT TO AWAIT POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE FROM THIS VESSEL PRIOR TO OBLIGATINGHERSELF TO THE SCA.

3. WILL ADVISE OF FURTHERDEVELOPMENTS.

4. MRS WALL'S HUSBAND AND SON, KERMIT AND CRAIG, REMAIN ON BOARD THE YACHT. EILTS

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